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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

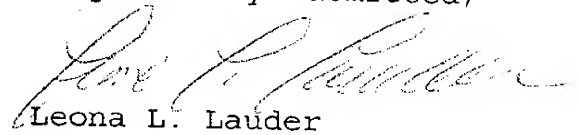
This letter is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on October 22, 2002 with 30 days shortened statutory period for response. Applicants respectfully respond to the Restriction Requirement by electing with traverse Group III, that is, Claims 31-42 "drawn to a method of identifying an organic or inorganic molecule that binds to MN protein and inhibits adhesion of vertebrate cells to MN protein."

In making that election, Applicants reserve their right under 35 USC § 121 to file subsequent divisional application(s)

to protect the invention commensurate with the scope as originally filed.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of this application could be expedited in any way by talking to the Attorney for the Applicants, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to call the undersigned at (415) 981-2034.

Respectfully submitted,



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